



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7210

January Session, 2017

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AN ACT PROVIDING MUNICIPAL OPTIONS FOR DOG LICENSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) (1) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or
4 older, except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section
5 22-342, shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in
6 the town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, annually,
7 or at such time as such dog becomes six months old, and annually
8 thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner or keeper shall pay to
9 such town clerk for such license the sum of seven dollars for each
10 neutered male or spayed female dog and the sum of twelve dollars for
11 each unneutered male dog and each unspayed female dog, and one
12 additional dollar in each case as the town clerk's fee for issuing a tag
13 and license as provided in section 22-340. Two dollars from each
14 license fee collected for a neutered or spayed dog shall be deposited
15 into the animal population control account, established under section
16 22-380g. If an owner or keeper of a dog fails to procure a license as
17 required by this section, such owner or keeper shall pay the
18 appropriate license fee specified in this section, the town clerk's fee
19 and a penalty of one dollar for each month or fraction thereof the dog
20 remains unlicensed.

21 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
22 subsection, a town may provide for the licensure of dogs on a biennial
23 or triennial basis provided such license shall not be for a term that
24 exceeds the term of such dog's most recent rabies vaccination. In the
25 event that a town elects to require such licensure on a biennial basis,
26 the dollar amounts specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be
27 doubled and in the event that a town elects to require such licensure
28 on a triennial basis, the dollar amounts specified in subsection (a) of
29 this section shall be tripled.

30 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog under
31 subsection (a) of this section, except for those owners or keepers
32 possessing a rabies vaccination exemption certificate, or a copy thereof,
33 issued pursuant to section 22-339b, shall submit to the town clerk a
34 rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian, or a copy thereof,
35 stating that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the
36 vaccination and the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine.
37 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
38 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

39 (c) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog pursuant to
40 subsection (a) of this section that has been exempted from vaccination
41 against rabies pursuant to section 22-339b shall submit to the town
42 clerk a rabies vaccination exemption certificate issued by the
43 department, or a copy thereof, in lieu of a rabies certificate.

44 (d) This section shall not apply to any dog which is imported into
45 this state for exhibition purposes and which does not remain in this
46 state for more than thirty days. Any person may import, from another
47 state, any licensed dog with collar, tag and rabies vaccination
48 certificate, and keep the same in this state for not more than thirty
49 days, without complying with the provisions of this section.

50 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22-339a of the general statutes is
51 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
52 *October 1, 2017*):

53 (b) Any person acquiring an unlicensed dog from a dog pound shall
 54 be issued a temporary license by the town clerk, or his agent deputized
 55 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which shall expire thirty days
 56 after the issuance thereof. Prior to the expiration of a temporary
 57 license, the person holding the license shall apply for a license for the
 58 remainder of the license [year] period, as provided in section 22-338, as
 59 amended by this act, pay the appropriate license fee specified in
 60 section 22-338, as amended by this act, and submit a certificate signed
 61 by a veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating (1) that the dog has been
 62 vaccinated against rabies, (2) the date of the vaccination and, (3) the
 63 duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine. No license shall be
 64 issued unless the certificate indicates that the immunity provided by
 65 the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	22-338
Sec. 2	October 1, 2017	22-339a(b)

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